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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

According to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists one related art reference for the above identified application, which is identified in the International Search Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

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